

STATE TRUCK LAW
TO BE TESTED OUT
IN SUPREME COURT

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 26.—On the basis of a test case already filed and pending in the Montgomery Circuit Court, the Supreme Court of Alabama will eventually be called upon, on appeal, to construe the meaning of the Highway Code's provision as to license on motor trucks operating over the highways of Alabama, and determine whether the construction of this provision as contained in a recent opinion issued by the office of the Attorney General is correct.

The case, which is to be a test case, by agreement with Atty. Gen. Thomas E. Knight, Jr., and all others concerned, consists of an action by the State against the Hobbie Grocery Company to collect license claimed by the State to be due on a number of motor trucks operated by the company, the claim being based on the Attorney General's opinion. The company takes the position, however, that it does not owe the amount, as it has already paid license on these trucks on the basis of the manufacturer's rated capacity of each vehicle.

The Attorney General's ruling was that semi-trailer trucks, in which the trailer is permanently attached to the motor portion of this type of vehicle must pay license at the same rate as if the vehicle were a single unit. Up to the time this ruling was made, owners of this kind of truck paid license for the truck and on the basis of the manufacturer's rated capacity, one-half of the amount of the truck license being paid for license for the trailer.

The test case is expected to be passed upon by the Circuit Court some time during the coming week, and an appeal will immediately be taken to the Supreme Court of the State.

The highway code provision now in controversy has been enforced in accordance with the Attorney General's ruling ever since that ruling was issued, by the State Highway Motorcycle Patrol Squad, which has also been enforcing provisions of the same code as to overhauling of motor trucks, or loading beyond the capacity of the vehicle as shown by the license tag it carries.

A delegation of more than 100 men, including truck owners and operators, representatives of the Alabama Automobile Trade Association, the oil industry, the lumber industry, the dairy industry, and other allied industries, called on Gov. Miller at the Capitol yesterday to protest against the Attorney General's truck license ruling, and enforcing of provisions as to the overhauling of trucks, and to ask suspension of the application of the ruling, and enforcement of heavy loading provisions pending the Supreme Court could pass on the question.

After listening to spokesmen for the delegation, Gov. Miller, explaining that an opinion by the Attorney General was binding on him and every other official until the Supreme Court declares otherwise, in the opinion are wrong, said that while he realized the difficulties with which those present had to deal, he could not suspend the operation of the law for the Attorney General's ruling, pointing out he has no legal authority to take any such action.

Truck Owners' Side.
Speaking for the truck owners and operators, Sterling Edwards, of Birmingham, claimed that small motor trucks are already paying in taxes annually, as much as a hundred dollars more than the original cost of the truck, and that 30 per cent of these trucks are owned by farmers. He declared that when truck owners purchased licenses for the present year they complied with the law as then in effect, and that the Attorney General's ruling adds something to the law that they could not foresee. F. E. Foster of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce stated any excess burden placed on transportation is an additional burden on business and the consumer. To force a truck operator to stay within the prescribed license load is a hardship, he said, and urged that nothing be done to discourage business at the present time.

L. L. Shorter, Montgomery lumberman, stating that timber is now being brought to a concentration point in the lumber business, instead of taking the mill to the woods, said most of the logs are trucked in from points inaccessible to railroads, but that the mills act as feeders to the railroads which haul the finished lumber. An extra tax on trucks not only affects the trucks but the whole lumber business, he claimed, and log trucks cannot afford to pay an additional tax. Commenting on the status of the lumber business at the present he said "I'm not a businessman. I'm a man who solicits offers from some one who might possibly need a carload of lumber."

Other speakers continued overloading would not need to apply to more than 2 to 5 per cent of the trucks operated, and the point was made that at the time the provisions were made for hard rubber tires on motor trucks was the rule, instead of pneumatic tires.

ALABAMA LED IN 1931
IN IMPROVING COTTON

Alabama made more progress during 1931 in improving cotton staple than any other Southern state and was surpassed only by Georgia and South Carolina in improving cotton grades, according to F. W. Gist, state and federal statistician for the department of agriculture.

The state's increase in staple was 33 per cent and in grades 11.8 per cent over 1930. "Material advancement was made in all states in the length of staple of the 1931 crop over that of 1930," Mr. Gist said. "Alabama made more than twice the proportionate progress of any other state."

Better season, less weevil damage, and delayed ginning, which gave time for greater lint development, were important factors in staple improvement.

"Alabama also made excellent progress with respect to grades, being surpassed only by Georgia and South Carolina. Since grade is controlled largely by the presence or absence of foreign matters, in chaff, trash and dirt, and also weather factors, it is assumed that differences in grades represent weevil damage and conditions during the picking season."

Methodist Young People To Give Bible Pageant Sun. Nite

Members of the Senior Epworth League of the Methodist Church will give a Bible Pageant Sunday night at the regular preaching hour. Prominent Bible stories will be acted out in a way that promises to be quite interesting. The general public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Coop. Hog Sale Last Week Largest Ever Held In Elba

At last week's hog sale here 371 head were sold, weighing 75,507 pounds. They were sold to Swift & Company for 3c, which was the cheapest price any hogs have sold for up to that time. This was 25 points less than the Montgomery market on the day of the sale. The boys required five cars to load them in and brought a total of \$2,222.24.

The poultry car brought 10,500 pounds of poultry at Elba and Elba that brought a total of \$1,240.00.

The next hog sale will be held in Elba on Wednesday, March 9th.

W. M. S. ENTERTAINS

Members of the W. M. S. of the Baptist Church held a social in the form of a "plate shower" Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. B. Barnett, pastor of the Baptist Church, with thirty members present.

A number of interesting and old fashioned games filled the hours of the afternoon.

Later a social hour was enjoyed. Delightful refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches and not chocolate.

About three dozen plates were contributed.

Mrs. W. J. Bullard, who has been in ill health, is convalescent.

Mr. E. A. Dyerle made a business trip to Tennessee and Boston, Ga., last Thursday, remaining over the weekend in the "city of roses."

Mrs. L. J. Reeves, Sr., of Enterprise is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Byrd Mitchell, Jr., and Mrs. Mike Maddox.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ringold and Little son, Marshall, Jr., returned Monday evening from Lafayette, where they spent the weekend with Mrs. Ringold's parents. Her mother, Mrs. Fraser, returned to Elba with them and will remain for a visit. Dr. Ringold reports that the "Bob Jones" revival meeting which was held in the court house there closed Sunday night, after a successful meeting.

Mr. Lambert Enters Race For Commissioner N. E. District

Mr. R. L. Lambert, New Brockton, Route 1, well known citizen of the Northeastern part of the county, was here Monday and authorized us to print his formal announcement for the office of County Commissioner from the N. E. District in the May primary.

Mr. Lambert is well known in the county and has been interested in his announcement, and they feel certain that he will make a splendid showing in the primary. He is a good man and would no doubt make the Northeast District a good Commission.

A proposal which found favor with a majority of those present at the conference was concluded, to attempt to elect the Highway Director L. G. Smith from the enforcement of the regulations objected to, was being considered by members of the delegation, in favor of the test case measure for bringing the matter before the Supreme Court for final decision.

THE ELBA CLIPPER

LEADERS EXPECT TO OPEN LIVES TO CK BANK THIS MONTH

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 26.—Organization of a bank to be known as the "Southeastern Livestock Loan Association" for loans on livestock as a chief factor in the agricultural development of the State, was assured yesterday by action of a committee of influential, agricultural and banking interests here.

The committee, named on February 12 at a large meeting at which representatives of the various fields, yesterday named a sub-committee of four with full authority to act to arrange for organization of the bank.

The organization will have a capital stock of \$250,000 of which \$125,000 will be paid in. The committee announced the employment of Kushon, Crenshaw and Kushon, Montgomery attorneys, to effect the organization. It is expected that the bank will be in operation within 30 days, it was said.

Scope To Include Other States

It was explained the word "Southeastern" was adopted because while the initial activities of the bank were to be for the statewide development of Alabama, in time the corporation would extend its activities to serve the Southeastern States.

The sub-committee named by the committee, consisting of Mr. W. A. Bellingham, a leader in the movement, to proceed with the organization and incorporate the bank is composed of Col. A. B. Aldridge of Birmingham, H. E. Snow, Montgomery, Wiley Alford of Columbia, and B. Barnett of Montgomery.

It was the unanimous opinion of those present that an institution of this kind, conducted along conservative business, would not only offer attractive inducement to the shareholders, but would be of incalculable benefit to agriculture.

It was explained that the organization would not make any loans on general farm operations but such loans would be strictly on livestock. The corporation should be able to handle loans aggregating \$1,500,000 each year by rolling over its loans through the Intermediate Credit Bank and through other privileges available for such an institution.

To Distribute Stock Widely

The capital stock would be widely distributed in the State, it was said, and operation of such an organization could be handled by a very small force.

Later during March, it was said, the meeting would be held at which the members of the committee, business men, bankers and industrialists would be called to hear Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, and Charles F. Collier, agricultural editor, tell what the livestock program had done for Minnesota.

Later a social hour was enjoyed. Delightful refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches and not chocolate.

Mr. Johnston Announces For Commissioner N. E. District

Mr. Aaron L. Johnston, Tenille, Rt. 2, was in Elba Monday and while here filed his qualification papers and authorized us to announce his candidacy for the office of Commissioner from the Northeast District of the County in the approaching primary.

Mr. Johnston is a good man and has many friends in the Northeast District who will be interested in the announcement of his candidacy. He is well known through out the District and friends predict he will make a good race.

MRS. FRANKLIN HOSTESS TO YOUNG WOMEN

The Y. W. A.'s met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Franklin, where they were given a most interesting and well rendered: Song—"The Touch of His Hand on Mine."

Prayer—Louise Tucker. Mission Study lesson taught by Mrs. Franklin.

A business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Franklin in the presence of the present.

Lillian Lane was elected reporter for the Y. W. A.

Dismissed with the Watchword: There were twelve members, three visitors present.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Charlie Ellis on Tuesday evening, March 8.

IMPROVED PEANUT SHELLER

Guaranteed not to heat your seed peanuts. Does excellent work. I shell for 10c per bushel. J. B. PLANT, Elba, Alabama, Route No. 1. m3-10-17-24

ALEX BRANTLEY NAMED PROBATE JUDGE IN PIKE CO.

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 26.—Alex Brantley, prominent business man of Troy, who was campaign manager in Pike County for Gov. Miller in the last gubernatorial election, was appointed by the Governor yesterday, Probate Judge of Pike to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Judge John Gamble.

Mr. Brantley has accepted of the place and will assume his duties as soon as he qualifies which will be some time this week.

Before tendering the Probate Judgeship to Mr. Brantley, the appointment was offered by Gov. Miller to Mrs. Charles Henderson, who with her husband, former Gov. Charles Henderson, was one of the Chief Executive's most loyal supporters during the last campaign.

In making this offer, Gov. Miller sought to give official recognition to one of Alabama's outstanding women, and at the same time also, to this way, express appreciation of the splendid vote with which the women electors of the State honored him. This was made clear by the Chief Executive's own declaration in his good speech yesterday afternoon.

When Mrs. Henderson declined, with thanks, Gov. Miller offered it to her husband, who also declined, expressing his appreciation, but stating he had no desire to reenter politics.

Some five or six Pike Counties, including Mr. Brantley, were applicants for the appointment. Mr. Brantley, however, was chosen, Mr. Henderson was an applicant, however.

MISS BRYAN HOSTESS TO SENIOR LEAGUE

Miss Vanelle Bryan was noted Friday evening at her home to the Senior Epworth League of the Methodist Church.

Various games and contests were the diversions, and delicious sandwiches and punch were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. L. W. Tubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stephens and son and daughter, Robert and Ellen, of Montgomery, were guests of Mr. Stephens' sister, Mrs. C. E. Stephens, and family Sunday.

Miss Maryline Hinn was a visitor to Montgomery last Saturday.

FARMER JONES AND HIS COW PEN

BY W. M. BRUNSON

I came home from town Saturday night and it made me sick at heart to see the destruction that was going on along the road. Some vandals had put fire out and it was sweeping everything as it went.

Why is it that our people continue to do such things? Can it be that we are mean in spirit, or is it ignorance as to what prompts us to do it? Fire is one of the most useful agencies of man when properly used, but it is also his greatest enemy when improperly used.

When fire burns over a piece of woods it comes pretty near destroying everything on the land. Every leaf and every straw that falls from our pine should be put on our farm lands. The one thing that our lands need more than anything else is humus, and there is no way to get it except by growing it in our fields or getting it from the woods. Our lands are deteriorating every year and we need to save everything possible to build it back up. No man should allow a fire in his field except when he needs to warm by it. Fire should never be allowed in any piece of woods.

Quite a lot of the boys are going to try putting out sweet potato vines that have not been killed by the frost. I think it is all right to try a few but it is my guess that they will not make very many potatoes. If you wish to try I would go ahead if I were you, but just try a few rows.

I want some good farmer out on the hills to save a few acres of old cotton stalks and try them. If you have less than ten, 4 cents believe cotton will do well if you can save a stand. I believe the stalks should be barreled off and a little fertilizer put on just as soon as you can get it and then cultivate it just as you would young cotton. Of course it will be beat to break all the soil in the middle. I am also of the opinion that it would be best to poison the weeds, so to feed all the weeds necessary to the regular time. I hope several farmers will try this out for once.

The writer of this column has purchased twenty pounds of the Texas seed cane and I am going to give it a thorough trial. I have not been able to grow our regular sugar cane and I am going to try the seeded cane for the year.

I have one place on which I must make each place produce all my crop consumed on that place and some to spare. Mr. Charlie Lee sold me the seed and he has quite a bit more of it on hand than he is offering to sell nighty cheap to any farmer who wants it. I shall for 10c per bushel. J. B. PLANT, Elba, Alabama, Route No. 1.

How many of you boys remember Edmund Hudson? He is better known as "Granola Hudson," him as being our county superintendent of education several years ago. I have known him since he was a small boy and he has been a good friend of mine ever since.

He has studied the business and I hear that he is making good at it. I do not know anything about how it is done and I would not advise you to try it, but I would advise you to try it. I have seen him in the market in this section, but I would advise you to pick out something else and try your hand at it. Edmund is not only a good school teacher, but he is a good farmer, and a mighty good citizen. We need men like Edmund Hudson.

I was about to forget to tell you about the cotton business. The boys went up to see Mr. John Wallace last Saturday and attended to his chickens. They complained about it while there. The boys also told me that Mr. Wallace gave them a wonderful feed for dinner. I wish that all the farmers of the county could go to this place and spend some time with Mr. Wallace doing things. It would be worth your time to try the next time you pass and look his place over. You can certainly get some good ideas. There is a man who uses his head as well as his hands.

New a few words about the prices of this amazing work. The usual price for this work is ten cents each, but the boys are going to do this work for much less. There are the prices: It is 6 cents if you have less than ten, 4 cents if you have less than 100 and 3 cents for all over 100. The first 100 will cost you \$4.00 and the next 100 will cost you at the rate of 3 cents each. The boys do not want to work for toll unless it is for someone who does not have the money, and in that case it will be twelve chickens out of each 100.

Be sure to watch the size of your chickens. If they are too small or too large the work is not so successful. Some have brought in chickens that are so small that the boys cannot do the work and others have brought in some that are so large they cannot do the work. Watch your chickens and bring them between 1 1/2 and 2 pounds in weight.

The boys doing the work are as follows: Bill English is supervisor and Lister Brunson is his assistant. Dud English is general manager, bookkeeper and treasurer. Leave your chickens with Dud English and be sure to see him when you come to take them up. These boys are in school and you should try to see them after three o'clock each day in the week. They will be on hand all day on Saturdays. You can bring your chickens to the rear of Cooper and Morrow's and leave them if you do not see the boys. Be sure to

Enterprise Grand Jury Has Very Short Term

To The Honorable F. W. Hare, Presiding Judge Of The 12th Judicial Circuit.

We, the Grand Jury, empaneled yesterday to investigate conditions in this division of the County, beg leave to submit this as our final report.

We have investigated 31 presentations to the Grand Jury, and as a result of our investigation herewith return 15 indictments, of which 14 are felonies and one is a misdemeanor. We only returned indictments in cases we deemed justified and for the public good.

The special committee from our body which investigated the condition of the courthouse and jail find them in good condition, but the toilets in the courthouse are not kept as clean as they should be, while the walls are unsightly and have been defaced by vandals.

We recommend that this condition be remedied at once. The special committee that investigated the bonds, books and records of the officers of this division found them to be neatly and accurately kept, the bonds being sufficient in amount and security. The general condition of the roads and bridges in the County is not so special complaint.

This has been a very short session of the Grand Jury, as well as being noted, this being due to the fact that the County is in a state of being functioning, and as it has exclusive jurisdiction to try misdemeanors, this results in saving of time and expense to the County, expedites the trial of cases, and we endorse and recommend the more expeditious method for the disposition of misdemeanor cases.

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Fred L. Donaldson Enters Race For County Treasurer

The Clipper today carries the formal announcement of Mr. Fred L. Donaldson, of Enterprise, for the office of County Treasurer in the primary to be held on May 9th. For several days it has been rumored that Mr. Donaldson would enter the race and his friends were glad to see his announcement.

Mr. Donaldson is the son of Mr. Joe M. Donaldson, prominent citizen of the Braselton community, and is well known throughout the county. He is well qualified to fill the office he seeks, having held a responsible position with the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Enterprise for several years. His many friends will watch with interest his campaign and they predict a good showing in the May primary.

Mr. D. J. Labert received word Monday night from Mrs. Labert, who is visiting her parents at Tuscaloosa, that their little daughter, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is getting along as well as the possibly could and that they will be able to come home soon. It would seem that misfortune never come singly, for to add to the worries that Mr. Labert has been undergoing of late, he lost his bill folder, containing about \$125. Monday, Mr. Labert says that a bad feature of the loss was the fact that a considerable part of the money belonged to somebody else.

The many games engaged in added much fun and merriment to those present, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. Bryant's many friends wish for her many repetitions of the happy occasion.

Mrs. L. C. Cooper is spending the week in Brantley with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Cooper.

ELBA'S RADIO ARTISTS ARE BECOMING VERY POPULAR

A large number of Elba radio fans "tuned in" Saturday afternoon, from 2:30 to 3:00 o'clock, to the delightful program broadcast over station WSPA, Montgomery, sponsored by the Haddam Strain Ensemble, which was as follows:

Madge Page—Soprano. Madame Strain—Tenor and Trumpet. Madame Strain—Contralto and Piano. Mrs. Ellis Franklin—Accompanist. Trio—Madge Page, Haddam Strain, and Madame Strain. "Faded Summer Love"—Vocal Trio. "Ritton On The Keys"—Vocal Trio. "You're My Everything"—Madge Page. "I Must Be True"—Piano Solo—Madge Page. "Lullaby Of Spain"—Trumpet Solo—Madge Page. "St. Louis Blues"—Piano Duo—Mrs. Strain and Mrs. Franklin. "Lies"—Vocal Trio. "Was That The Human Thing To Do?"—Vocal Trio. "We're Alone"—Tenor Solo—Mr. Strain. "Some Of The Days"—Vocal Solo—Madge Page. "Whose Your Little Whiz-zit?"—Vocal Trio. "Where The Blue Of The Night Meets The Gold Of The Day"—Tenor Solo—Mr. Strain.

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Contest Winners Held Last Practice Speaking Tuesday

Mrs. Mike Maddox, Mrs. Corrine Cureton and Mr. Ross Clark went to Andalusia Tuesday morning, where Mrs. Maddox and Mr. J. B. Strother of Brundage, winners of the elimination contests which have been in progress for the past several weeks, gave their final practice speaking before a large audience in the senior class room of the Andalusia High school, at 10:45 a.m.

The contest was sponsored by the Alabama Utilities Company. At the outset twelve employees of the company entered as contestants and after several weeks of spirited rivalry, Mrs. Maddox and Mr. Strother were declared the winners. They will go to Birmingham on March 22, where they will take part in the state elimination contest against the winners of the contests held by the Alabama Power Company and the Birmingham Electric Company. This subject on which they speak is "The Relations Of Government And Business."

The winners of the state elimination contest at Birmingham will go to Old Port Comfort, Va., April 22, to participate in the Geographic elimination contest and the winners there will go to Chicago, May 27th, for participation in the Regional elimination contest. The winners in Chicago will meet in Atlantic City, N. J., for the final elimination contest at the 1932 National Electric Association, the week of July 4th.

Nice prizes are offered to the winning employees at Atlantic City in the final speaking contest, each man to get as first prize \$400; each woman, \$600; second prizes, \$300 each; and third prizes, \$400 each.

Those who have heard Mrs. Maddox deliver her speech say that she has developed into an able speaker and all of her many friends are pulling for her to win at Birmingham and then go right on through to Atlantic City.

Mrs. Maddox and Mr. Strother were the honor guests Tuesday at a luncheon given at the Andalusia Country Club.

Through arrangements with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, in Montgomery, Dorsey Brothers are receiving daily weather reports which are displayed at their showroom on the East side of Court Square. This report gives a reading from the bureau at Montgomery, and also from the weather forecast for the day and also for the week. Observations from other stations all over the United States are also given on the card.

People's Saving Store Announces Great Clear Sale

The People's Saving Store, east side Court Square, announces a "Great Clearance Sale" which starts Friday morning. Many fine bargains are advertised. See their announcement on page four of this issue of the Clipper. The announcement says that the first \$100 worth of merchandise or more, on Friday morning, will receive a lady's hat absolutely free.

MRS. CORRIE BRYANT HONORED

Members of the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church, honored Mrs. Corrie Bryant with a surprise birthday party at her home on Monday afternoon, February the twentieth.

A lovely spring day did it part to make the honoree and guests happy on this occasion, and beautiful flowers adorned the living room, where the guests assembled.

Most people can celebrate their anniversary every year, but not so with "Mrs. Corrie"—as she has had only sixteen.

Now women don't begin to count, because according to the number of birthdays she has had, she's just "sweet sixteen." Perhaps this is why she looks so youthful.

The many games engaged in added much fun and merriment to those present, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. Bryant's many friends wish for her many repetitions of the happy occasion.

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The Market on Peanuts Has Advanced

If you have any peanuts to sell, now is probably a good time to dispose of them.

If you have any Peanuts, see us before the market declines.

ELBA PEANUT CORPORATION

Beginning To Take Notice Again

By Albert T. Reid

"OH! JOHN!

YOU REMEMBER ME,

DON'T YOU?"

The year 1931-32 will long be

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SPRING!

BY F. H. TALBOT

Spring is here, all the birds

Bring us cheer with their words.

Life and love fill the earth.

God alone is everywhere.

Lo! the sunshine and the rain

Bring the jasmine back again.

See the robin in the bush.

Leave its nest, by his perch.

Life is glorious, life is gay.

With each wondrous, new-born day.

What a blessing, when we see

Love blessing "you and me."

Yes, the moon, with her gleams,

She will soon bring a dream.

Of the "you" that repays

Every wish of by-gone days.

We are strong, we are brave,

Sing a song—how it may!

Oh! how endless time and space!

Man, if childless, wears a mask.

Though the flowers come and go,

They are ours, each to know.

The future, who's name several

Faintly shows in the future;

God is vast, Life and Nature.

The modern test of statesman-

New Democratic State

Qualifies With Committee

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 29.—A

